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Examiner: Edward J. Webman

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
MODULATING THE IMMUNE RESPONSE

Attorney Docket No.: 10162-004-999

RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed on November 7, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks into the file of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-57 appear in the application for the Examiner's review and consideration. A copy of claims 1-57 is attached as Appendix A.

In response to the restriction requirement communicated by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed June 12, 2000, Applicants, in their response dated August 14, 2000, provisionally elected Invention I, directed toward a method of use, as recited in claims 1-19, 32-37, and 47-57. In that response, Applicants also elected Species (a), directed toward a method for modulating the immune response, pursuant to the Examiner's requirement for a species election.

In the present response, Applicants submit that claims 33, 34, 36, and 37, in addition to claims 1-19, 48-50, and 55-57, read upon the elected species. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to petition from the restriction requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144.

Since Applicants have provisionally elected Invention I, and species (a), the Examiner has required an additional species election from among the plurality of polymers disclosed in claim 9, despite Applicants' traversal. Accordingly, Applicants elect